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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 1ST, 1911.

The great influx of refugees into the Colony from Canton by steamboat and railway is creating more than one serious problem in the Colony. There is, first, the housing problem. In the beginning of the year an unusually large number of Chinese tenements, were vacant in the Colony, on the island as well as at Yauwatt, Tsingtsai and Hungshing, but when the first exodus from Canton occurred last May on the occasion of an anti-dynastic uprising in the Southern Metropolis, a demand for house accommodation in Hongkong set in, with the result that most of this vacant property was let at enhanced rentals. At the same time there was a strong Chinese demand for the foreign houses occupied mainly by Portuguese families in certain parts of the Colony, and many such houses have changed hands during the year at very profitable figures. Within the past week, in anticipation of another rising in Canton, the population of the Colony of Hongkong has been further increased by many thousands of refugees, and the housing problem has consequently become more acute than ever. We have been told, for instance, that houses in Mosque Terrace, which a few years ago let at rentals of \$30 and \$40, and latterly at double those figures, are now being let to Chinese tenants at rentals approaching \$150 a month. The first consequence of this has been that the Portuguese residents, whose expenditure has to be kept within

the limits of a clerk's earnings, have had the greatest difficulty in finding suitable accommodation for their families at rentals within their means, and in those circumstances the question is asked whether the Government cannot intervene to prevent permanent settlers in the Colony being ousted by the refugees. There is only one way that we can see in which the Government can interfere. It cannot prevent landlords accepting the highest rentals, or the highest sale prices for their property, but the Government can, and ought, in the interests of the public health, to interfere once to the extent of putting a stop to the over-owing that has resulted from this great influx of people and the high rentals charged for house accommodation. These high rentals cannot be paid in the majority of cases except at the cost of much overcrowding of the tenements. For some years past, in connection with the effort to exterminate plague from the Colony, the Government has been at considerable pains to prevent overcrowding in Chinese tenements, but if the information which reaches us regarding overcrowding in certain parts of the Colony is of wide application, the menace to public health must be very grave indeed. We have had quoted to us as an instance typical of many others of one house previously occupied by a dozen Portuguese being now occupied by between sixty and seventy Chinese. These figures may be exaggerated to some extent, but that there is very serious overcrowding in the Colony at the present time admits of no question whatever. We should like to be assured that the Sanitary Department staff is equal to the task these new conditions impose. We are approaching the season when experience has taught us to expect a return of the plague epidemic which has afflicted the Colony now for so many years past, and it is obvious that this great and sudden increase in the population to which we have referred adds enormously to the duties of the Sanitary Board staff. In his Budget statement His Excellency The Governor incidentally mentioned that the total estimated expenditure in the Sanitary Department has now fallen to \$341,096, with an increase of efficiency due to improved methods and to the constant supervision and thought given by the Head of the Department and by the public-spirited gentlemen who form the Sanitary Board. This is a very satisfactory statement, but at the present moment it is worth pointing out that Mr. Wolfe is holding a dual appointment, and it may very pertinently, and without offence, be asked whether the Head of the Sanitary Department is able to give that "constant supervision" over the sanitation of the Colony which present circumstances require of the Director of Education. An opportunity will be afforded the Members of Council to-morrow in the course of the Budget debate to ask for assurances that the staff of the Sanitary Department is equal to the additional duties imposed on the Department by the sudden increase which has taken place in the population, and the public would be glad to learn that the Government fully appreciates the dangers of the situation and has already taken those measures of precaution which the circumstances demand.

A Cyclone or Typhoon S. of Guam, direction unknown, was reported from the Manila Observatory yesterday.

The meeting of the Licensing Board which was to be held to-morrow has been postponed until November 8th at 2.15 p.m.

Mr. H. P. Winslow, the new manager of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway arrived in Hongkong on Monday by the s.s. *Siberia*. Mr. Winslow was formerly in charge of the traffic department on the Shanghai and Nanking Railway.

Some wonderful fiction reaches Manila from Shanghai respecting affairs in the North. A Manila paper to hand by yesterday's mail gives prominence to a telegram which states that "it is rumoured here from Peking that the Emperor has escaped to Germany to evade the vengeance of the revolutionaries."

Messrs. Stewman, Tomes & Co. are taking proceedings in H. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai against G. H. Thomson, liquidator of the Whangpoo Wharf and Godown Co. for the recovery of the sum of Tls. 32,250, "agreed to be paid by the Whangpoo Wharf and Godown Company to the plaintiff."

Over 200 firms and individuals in Kobe have subscribed and presented to Mr. Robert Young, the Editor of the *Japan Chronicle* a cheque for Yen 2,715, being the amount of fine Yen 2,000 and contribution of Court fees incurred by him in the recent suit of Preston v. Young. The cheque was sent to Mr. Young on the 20th anniversary of the *Chronicle*, accompanied by a letter offering hearty congratulations and good wishes for his future prosperity and well-being. "We know you to be a most able and fearless defender of foreign interests when unjustly assailed," wrote the committee, "and as soon as the final result of the case was made known in Kobe, there at once arose a very strong feeling that the fine should be paid by the Foreign Community whose cause you had so ably espoused."

The Bijou Theatre maintains its reputation for pictures which are up to date and informative. The special pictures being shown now include the *Liberia* disaster. Miss Kitty Deland, a refined comedienne, is worth hearing.

At a recent meeting of the St. Andrew's Society of Kobe, Mr. James Rankin was elected President and Mr. John Hall Vice-President, while the following were elected as a Committee:—Messrs. Galletly, Lowson, Black, Crombie, Crockett, and Munro. It was decided to celebrate St. Andrew's Day by a ball.

There was a very small list of cases for hearing at the Magistracy yesterday, and hardly any of them were of public interest. Two Filipinos who stole away by the s.s. *Korea* from Hongkong to Honolulu were brought back to the Colony by the s.s. *Siberia* and appeared before Mr. Hazeland. After hearing the evidence his Worship fined each of the defendants \$250, the alternative being two months imprisonment with hard labour.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 31st October

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

AN OPIUM TRANSACTION.

The *Wui Yuen Cheong* firm, opium dealers, of 41, Queen's Road, brought action against the *Ying 'ai* firm, of 21, Jervois Street, for \$200 in respect of an acknowledgement of debt dated 19th September.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida & Castro appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Harris consented to judgment for \$150, \$50 having been paid to Court, and \$50 to be paid down. He asked for a stay of execution for a week in respect of the other \$100. He did not know whether his friend would accept that, or not. If a stay were granted for a week they would be able to come to some arrangement. Judgment was entered for \$150 and stay was granted for a week.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR.

The annual *al fresco* bazaar promoted by the Ministering Children's League was held yesterday afternoon on the Volunteer Parade Ground and proved as pretty and as popular as in former years. The stalls, which were laden mostly with fancy goods and other articles suitable for Christmas presents, were ranged round the sides of the ground, while an enclosure for tea occupied the top of the area. Flags hung round and across the ground gave a picturesque touch to the beautiful scene, which was certainly not lacking in animation, both Chinese and foreign ladies and children being present in considerable numbers. Mrs. Jordan, the Vice-President of the Ministering Children's League, saw that there was nothing lacking in the general arrangements, and the event from every point of view must be considered highly successful. As already stated, the greater part of the goods exposed for sale were fancy goods and toys, but the Japanese garden and the Christmas tree were new features which proved decidedly popular.

The stallholders were:
Tea Stall—H.E. Lady Lugard and Mrs. Anderson.
Ice Stall—Miss Rowe and Miss Bandow.
Packaging Stall—Mrs. Denys, Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Valpy.

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Kowloon Work Stall—Miss Spink, Mrs. Bruce Shepherd and Mrs. Baker.

Bird Tree—Mrs. Lamport.

Chinese Fancy Goods—Mrs. Tutcher and Mrs. Barker.

Fancy Goods—Miss Loureiro.

Sweet Stall—The Misses Potts and Miss Stanford-Harris.

Besides the ladies mentioned there were a great many assistants, all of whom laboured to make the bazaar the success that it was. As is known, the proceeds will be devoted to local charities and to the Hongkong Cot at the Otterhaw Home in Surrey founded by Lady Meath. The promoters of the bazaar are grateful to the General Agents in Hongkong for the sale of Peters' Chocolate for gratuitously supplying the chocolate, to the Eastern Printing Company for supplying the printing free, to the Robinson Piano Company for the use of a piano, and to Captain Carey of the *Tamar* for providing the flags.

In the afternoon a variety entertainment was given in the Drill Hall, which was specially decorated for the occasion. Miss Eva Harle and Miss Eilian Allen contributed a duet from "The Gaiety," Master Oscar Harrington recited "When the sewing circle," and Miss Thomas gave a pianoforte solo, while Master John Grimshaw rendered a comic song. Songs were also given by Miss Lilian Allen and Master Sydney Johnson, while Miss Phillips recited "A fair little girl," and Miss Alice Mist and Master Harrington took part in a very clever little sketch.

A concert was given last night and was greatly enjoyed. These who took part were Mrs. Barrington, pianoforte solo; Miss Elfrida Omond, selection; Dr. and Mrs. Schofield, duet; Mrs. Lewis, song; Mrs. Worcester and Miss Stanford-Harris, dance duet; Captain Addison, song; Mrs. Hogg, song; and Miss Alice Mist and chorus, "When do golden banjos."

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE REVOLUTION.

NEW CABINET TO BE GRANTED.

LONDON, October 31st.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that an Edict has been issued in which the Throne humbly apologises for its past neglect and grants the immediate constitution of a Cabinet, from which nobles are to be excluded. It also extends a free pardon to rebels and to political offenders.

THE CAPTURE OF HANKOW.

Reuter's correspondent with Yin Chang states that the Imperialists recommenced the attack on Hankow on the evening of the 28th instant.

The rebels made a brave stand and poured a deadly fire into the attackers from the house tops till routed by the Imperial guns. General Wu, with distinguished gallantry, led the attack and occupied Hankow on the morning of the 29th.

The rebels, mostly recruits, continued the fighting till late in the afternoon.

The rebel losses then numbered about 500 killed and 1,500 wounded, besides prisoners.

The rebels also lost fifteen field guns.

REMOVING THE MANCHUS FROM OFFICE.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the Imperial Edict further allows the Manchu President of the National Assembly to resign and appoints in his place Li Chin Chu, a Chinese, while the Manchu Minister of Constabulary is discharged and is succeeded by a Chinese.

ONE-SIDED FIGHTING.

The Imperialists are virtually in possession of the whole of Hankow, including the Powder Factory, and are in a good position to attack the arsenal at Hanyang.

The fighting was one-sided. The rebels were a mere armed rabble against trained troops.

DEMONSTRATION BY FOREIGN TROOPS AT TIENTSIN.

Reuter's correspondent at Tientsin cables that the foreign troops marched round the Concessions yesterday morning as a demonstration.

The Customs Commissioner at Tientsin received a letter from the local branch of the Committee announcing their intention to shortly seize Tientsin and Peking, and that they would abolish the like dues which were a great nuisance to Chinese and foreign trade.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL AT THE ADMIRALTY.

LONDON, October 31st.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that one of the first acts of Mr. Winston Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty will be the creation of a War Staff of the Navy, and he will probably aim at persuading the Dominion Governments to establish naval war staffs and arrange for an interchange of officers.

THE BRITISH INSURANCE BILL.

LONDON, October 31st.

The discussion on the State Insurance Bill is proceeding peacefully. The clause in relation to the admission of friendly societies, both large and small, had been adopted in accordance with Mr. Lloyd George's compromise proposals.

LATER.

Among the clauses of the Insurance Bill passed yesterday was one providing that where the insured person emigrates to a Colony and becomes a member of a society approved by the Insurance Commissioners he may take a transfer value with him if the Commissioners are satisfied that the Society gives corresponding rights to members emigrating to the United Kingdom.

Mr. Lloyd George said the clause was the first attempt to establish a sort of reciprocity with the Colonies. He was prepared to consider suggestions for making the clause more complete.

TELEGRAMS.

[DAILY PRESS' EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

TOKYO, October 31st.

The Russian Government has invited representatives of the Japanese Chambers of Commerce to send a deputation to the annual Conference of the Educational and Industrial Association to be held at Moscow on April 15th.

There are many other evidences of the rapprochement between the two peoples. The commanders of the Russian and Japanese garrisons at Changchun were invited to a banquet by the Japanese Consul General. Cordial speeches were exchanged.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE MEDITERRANEAN WAR.

"NO MERCY."

LONDON, October 31st.

Reuter's correspondent at Tripoli reports that after the fight on the 23rd instant, when the Arabs within the town and oasis attacked the Italian rear, no mercy was shown the Arabs. Every house was searched for three days and everybody was shot indiscriminately, guilty and innocent, old and young, while many women were put to death.

THE CASUALTIES.

LATER.

It is officially announced from Rome that the Italian losses at Tripoli from the 23rd instant to the 26th were 13 officers and 361 men killed, and 16 officers and 142 men wounded.

Reuter's correspondent at Tripoli states that it is estimated that 4,000 Arabs were killed from the 23rd instant to the 27th.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

LONDON, October 31st.

Three Russian battleships were laid down at Nikolaieff yesterday.

NEW RICKMERS STEAMER.

A new steamer was recently launched at the Rickmers Yard at Bremerhaven, and was christened *Ursula Rickmers*, after the youngest daughter of Herr Paul Rickmers, proprietor of the firm of Rickmers & Co., who also personally represents more than 90 p.c. of the share capital of the Rickmers Rice Mills, Shipping Company and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., of Bremen and Bremen-Haven. This steamer was placed in the Rickmers Siberian line touching regularly at Tsingtau, and took its first cargo to Siberia at the beginning of September immediately after its trial trip. The *Ursula Rickmers* is a sister of the *Adena Rickmers*, which made its trial trip last April and was placed in the same service.

Both these steamships, like all the rest of the Rickmers fleet, which has a total loading capacity of about 150,000 tons, were built at the Rickmers' private yard. The high credit in which the fleet is held not only by insurers but by all shippers is well known, not only as regards speed, which averages 12½ knots per hour, so that the trip from Hamburg to Dalny is accomplished in about 45 days, but also from the fact that this firm from its many years' experience constructs its vessels of special strength. The steamers are thus not to use an expression well known in nautical circles—"made by the yard, but represent foremost for the purpose of yielding the best practical results. To mention only one fact, all the vessels are provided with bronze screws, which not only give the ship a better and more profitable speed but also add to its security in that they guarantee the ship, humbly speaking, against accidents caused by loss or damage to the screws such as happen so often to those of iron, for the bronze screws bend but do not break.

The place in the graving-dock made vacant by the completion of the *Ursula Rickmers* will be immediately occupied by another eight-thousand tonner, while, among others, the construction of a steamer of the same size for the Rickmers Siberian line, with a speed of about 14 knots, is progressing. It may also be of interest to add that the present average age of the vessels of the Rickmers fleet is only about three years.

COLLISION ON THE YANGTZE.

A collision occurred on the Yangtze last week between the China Merchants' steamer *Kiangshin* and the Japanese steamer *Yohyang Maru*, sixteen miles above Anking. The *Kiangshin* was beached, her forehold full of water, the damage to her hull extending to about sixty feet. Necessary assistance was sent to her from Shanghai.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Tuesday, October 31st.

BEFORE COMMANDER C. W. BECKWITH,
R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

CHARGES AGAINST MOTOR BOAT MASTER.

The master of a motor boat was charged with failing to exhibit the regulation lights between sunset and sunrise, and with refusing to stop when required to do so by a member of the police force.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty on both counts, was fined \$3 or seven days' imprisonment on the first, and \$10 or 14 days on the second.

A FALSE DECLARATION.

Lance Sergeant Sutton presented the statement of an unlicensed junk for making a false declaration of the particulars of arms and ammunition on his junk.

Defendant when asked why he had not reported the arms, said they did not belong to him. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 or 14 days' imprisonment, and ordered the arms to be confiscated.

MAKING FAST TO A MOVING VESSEL.

The master of a licensed junk pleaded guilty to a charge of making fast to the s.s. *Asahi Maru* while that vessel was under way in the harbour, and was fined \$25, the alternative being two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

BEFORE MR. E. JONES (ASSISTANT MARINE MASTER).

COLLISION INQUIRY.

An inquiry was held by the Assistant Harbour Master into the circumstances attending a collision between launch *Taikee Lau* and one of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's lighters.

After hearing the evidence Mr. Jones found that the master of the lighter was guilty of negligence. Had he blown one blast on his whistle and gone under the stern of the *Taikee Lau* no accident would have occurred. His certificate would be suspended for three months and at the expiration of that time he would be required to present himself for examination.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THE FORTHCOMING BAZAAR.

The annual bazaar in aid of this deserving institution is announced to be held on the 5th inst. The Society does a most useful work in the Colony among the foreign poor, whose applications are dealt with regardless of nationality or creed, and its chief difficulty is to obtain the necessary funds to deal with all the deserving cases which are brought to their notice.

Appended is an abstract of the Society's accounts for the year ended 30th September last:—

Receipts.	
Balance in the Bank and on hand ...	\$ 312.60
Proceeds of All Fresco Fete ...	1,630.41
Donation from late Mr. W. Lyngaught ...	150.00
Sundry Donations ...	136.62
Donation from Colonial Government ...	100.00
Subscription from Hon. Member ...	110.00
Collection at weekly meetings ...	77.70
Interest on fixed deposits and Savings Bank ...	40.98
	\$4,008.31
Expenditure.	
Monthly allowances to 48 families in cash ...	\$ 1,432.50
Weekly allowances to 43 families in tickets ...	1,248.00
Xmas allowances to 91 families in cash ...	95.00
Contribution to Wanchai Hospital ...	121.00
Contribution to Wanchai Convent ...	60.00
Contribution to Orphanages and House for the Aged ...	200.00
Contribution to St. Raphael's Burial Society's fund ...	50.00
Balance ...	876.01
	\$4,008.31

E. & O. E.

A. J. C. DA ROCHA,

Hon. Treasurer.

The Bazaar is being held under the patronage of H.E. Sir F. Lugard, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., and Lady Lugard, and by courtesy of Col. Hamilton and Officers of the K.O.Y.L.I. the Band of the Regiment will be in attendance from 9 to 11 p.m.

In addition to the attractions advertised on another page, there will be a Cinematograph Show, by the kindness of Messrs. Pathe Freres, with specially selected films.

The Tea and Refreshment Stalls will be in charge of prominent foreign ladies, who have volunteered their services at the invitation of His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni and the Committee.

THE LATE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council H.E. the Governor will move the following resolution:—

"The President and Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong desire to place on record an expression of their deep sorrow at the sudden death of the late Colonial Secretary, Mr. Warren Delabere Barnes, a colleague and a friend for whom they had the highest regard and to offer their sincere sympathy to his relatives in their bereavement."

LEFT IN A HURRY.

This advertisement appears in the *Express*.—Will the lady who had lamb and green peas at a restaurant in Regent-street on Thursday call for the handbag she left behind in her hurry, and all will be forgiven?

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I, the Undersigned, have This Day REMOVED to No. 2, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
E. A. SOOLEMANJEE.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [1318]

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

ON FRIDAY, the 3rd of November, being the anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Panama the Consul General will be "AT HOME" at his Office, No. 6, Des Vaux Road, between Noon to 1 p.m.
Mr. ENRIQUE L. HURTADO,
Consul General.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [1319]

HEADWATERS MINING COMPANY, INCORPORATED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MEETING of the HONGKONG SHAREHOLDERS (whether registered or unregistered) of the HEADWATERS MINING CO., will be held at the Office of Messrs. DEACON, LOCKER & DEACON, Prince's Buildings, on MONDAY, 6th November, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the financial position of the Company.
By ORDER.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [1321]

BIJOU SCENIC THEATRE.
FLOWER STREET.

9.15 P.M. Every Evening 9.15 P.M.
SPECIAL PICTURES:

THE "LIBERTE" DISASTER.
NICK WINTER
THE TRAITOR
HUNTING WOLVES IN RUSSIA
NEIGHBOURS

Miss KITTY DELANALE.
REFINED ENGLISH COMEDIENNE.
7.15 P.M. Pictures only 7.15 P.M.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [1322]

VICTORIA THEATRE.

THE PALACE HALL OF THE TOWN.
The most up-to-date Films.

THE BEST ARTISTES.
TWO PERFORMANCES EVERY DAY
7.15 and 9.15 P.M.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME
EVERY 2 Days
HARRIS and VERNON. The unparalleled Dancers.

Look out for the GREAT JENSEN on 7th Nov.—MATINEES SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS at 4 P.M.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [1320]

SOCIETA NAZIONALE DI SERVIZI MARITTIMI.

STEAM FOR BOMBAY.
VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LERHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERANEAN, ADRIATIC, LIGURIAN and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAIO.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to PANAMA, GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENCIA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship
"CAPRI."
"Captain Figari," will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 11th Nov., at NOON.
For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [1324]

SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING.

PUPILS prepared for Theory, Intermediate and Advanced Certificate. "TOUCH SYSTEM" of Typewriting; rapid advancement. For terms, apply—
"TOUCH SYSTEM,"
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1911. [1288]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A FINAL DIVIDEND of One Shilling per Share, free of tax, has been declared by the Directors of the above Company, making a total of 10 per cent. for the year ending 25th February, 1911.
COUPON No. 17 is Payable on the 2nd November, at the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, and the RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK at Tientsin and Shanghai.
Hongkong, 31st October, 1911. [1314]

BROWN, JONES & Co.

ITALIAN MARBLE FIGURES, CROSSES and HEADSTONES, BLACK, RED and GREY GRANITE MONUMENTS in Stock.
WREATHS with Glass Shades from \$4 up.
BROWN, JONES & Co.,
41, Morrison Hill Road.
Telephone 423.
Hongkong, 18th October, 1911. [776]

INTIMATIONS

ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL,
Corner of Hankow and Haiphong Road,
KOWLOON, HONGKONG.
Telephone No. K. 3.

THE above place having been thoroughly renovated and refurnished, and will be OPENED on the 1st November, 1911. Bed Rooms are ready for inspection, and occupation, and can be booked on applying to the Manager, at the following Rates:—
Board and Lodging for Single Individual
Do. Do. per month \$65 to \$95.
Do. Do. per day \$3 to \$4.
Board and Lodging for Married Couples
Do. Do. per month \$110 to \$155.
Do. Do. per day \$4.50 to \$6.50.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1911. [1306]

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
MACAO.

NOTICE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF MACAO, through the Harbour Office, hereby announces that, for the space of 10 days from the publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette, it will receive Tenders for the purchase of two Motor Boats for use in the Macao Harbour.

Tenders should be forwarded in sealed covers, addressed to the Harbour Master, up to the aforementioned date, in conformity with the terms and conditions which may be seen in the Macao Harbour Office and in the Portuguese Consulate, Hongkong.
ALBERTO THEOPHILO RIBEIRO,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Master's Office,
Macao, 29th October, 1911. [1313]

CITY HALL,

FRIDAY,

Nov. 3RD.

PLAN AT
ROBINSON
PIANO Co.
TICKETS \$3 & \$2.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1911. [1302]

BOXING! BOXING!

CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1911.

GENUINE BOUTS.

Iron BUX v. Pts. POTTER, 15 Rounds.
Cpl. SCRUTON v. Gr. ARUNDEL, 15 Rounds.
LITTLEJOHNS v. Gr. MARTIN, 8 Rounds.
C. THOMPSON v. Gr. BURT, 6 Rounds.
Young DELORIOUS v. Young JACKSON, 4 Rounds.

Doors Open 8.30. Commencing 9 o'clock sharp.
Admission \$1 and \$3. Ringside Seats \$5.
Bookings and Plans at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.
BILL LEWIS, Promoter.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1911. [1303]

AL FRESCO FETE

In Aid of the Funds of the SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL to be held in the Compound of the ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, ON SUNDAY.

5th NOVEMBER, 1911, from 9 to 11 P.M.
UNDER the most Distinguished Patronage of His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., and LADY LUGARD.

Admission Ticket \$1.—which is entitled to a Souvenir on its presentation at the Souvenir Pavilion on the Evening of the Fete only.
The Public is respectfully invited to inspect the various stalls from 2 to 7 P.M. on the 5th November.

Ten, Cakes and Refreshments will be served during the Afternoon and Night.
Grand Cinematograph show will be kindly exhibited by Messrs. Pathe Freres, during the Evening and Night.
By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. HAMMOND and OFFICERS, the Band of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry will play from 9 to 11 P.M.

Tickets can be obtained from TO-DAY at Messrs. GRACE & Co., Pedder Street, and at the ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL Compound, on SUNDAY, 5th November, from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M., and at the Gate on the Night of the Fete.
Special arrangements have been made with the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., to run a late Train at 11.30 P.M. for the convenience of the Peak Residents.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1911. [1304]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE, 1865, and
IN THE MATTER OF THE ON TAI MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED
(In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by Order of the Court the Contributors of the above-named Company entitled to unpaid dividends are required, on or before the 1st day of December, 1911, to send particulars of their claims to JOHN HENNESSY SEFTL, of Victoria, Hongkong, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, to come in and prove their said claims and in default thereof the said unpaid dividends will be dealt with as the Court may direct.
Dated the 1st of September, 1911.
BASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors to the above-named Liquidator.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1906. [1096]

INTIMATION

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

(TELEPHONE 97.)

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FROM \$70.00

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[1083]

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For particulars apply,
Mr. OTTO KONG SING,
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12, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1911. [1246]

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DERRINGTON, 7-Roomed House, Peel Road, beautiful situation.
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Hongkong, 10th July, 1911. [923]

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[35]

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Inspection Invited.

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1906. [1272]

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C. WOLDRINGH, Manager,
No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central.
Hongkong, 15th August, 1909. [24]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LIMITED.
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K. TSUDZURABARA, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [1316]

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GEORGE HOGG,
Manager,
No. 9, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1911. [1287]

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Kobe

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager,
Hongkong, 25th September, 1911. [441]

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1827
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" " for 3 " 3 "
WM. DICKSON,
Manager,
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1911. [148]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank conducted by the HONGKONG ANI SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application. INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balance \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1911. [120]

AUCTION

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY),
the 1st NOVEMBER, 1911, at 10 A.M., at H.M. NAVAL YARD,
OLD AND SURPLUS
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Hongkong, 27th October, 1911. [118]

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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [114]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1911. [116]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE AND PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their goods from alongside, such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th October, 1911. [1310]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th October, 1911. [1309]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamship

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 1st Nov., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1911. [1]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM MIDDLEBROOK, HULL, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GLENSTRAE,"
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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 6th Nov., at 10 A.M. All Claims must be presented within FIFTEEN DAYS of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th Nov. will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 30th October, 1911. [1311]

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

MOUNT AUSTIN (JOHORE) RUBBER ESTATES (LIMITED).

PURCHASE OF NEW ESTATES.
At the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate-place, London, an extraordinary General meeting of this company was held on September 28th to consider resolutions to increase the capital to £450,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of £1 each, to authorize the board to create an issue of £200,000 Six per Cent. Debenture stock, to approve the provisional arrangement for the guarantee of 3 per cent. and to confirm agreements to acquire the Pandan, Kangka, Plintong, and Orient Rubber estates. Lord Denbigh presided.

The Secretary (Mr. Henry Guter) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—We have for some time realized that with the excellent organization which it is the good fortune of this company to possess, the scope of our operations might very profitably be extended beyond the present limits of the Mount Austin Estate. When in years to come the production of plantation rubber has increased to the extent indicated by the large planting operations which have already been undertaken, it is more than probable that only large estates, conveniently situated as regards transport and economically managed, can hope to secure the full measure of profit to be derived from the cultivation of rubber. Consequently in this connection, as indicated by my colleague Sir Ernest Birch, who kindly took the chair in my absence, at the ordinary general meeting in August last, we have been in the negotiation for the acquisition of several large and important properties which adjoin ours, and I am pleased to say that these negotiations have resulted in a satisfactory arrangement for very largely increasing the company's area and its scope for earning satisfactory returns. The estates proposed to be acquired appear to have all the essential conditions in themselves to bring about the results which we have in view, and the entire property, if and when amalgamated, will practically be within a ring fence. The estates which we propose to purchase are largely controlled by the East Asiatic Company (Limited), who originally founded the Mount Austin Company to take over their Mount Austin Estate. They are the largest shareholders in this company and are largely interested in the companies owning and working the new estates. The admirable organization of the East Asiatic Company and their exceedingly efficient staff give them unique advantages in selecting their properties, and enable them to develop those properties in an efficient and experienced manner. The estates proposed to be acquired are known as the Pandan, Kangka, Plintong, and Orient, having a total area of 6,203 acres. Before deciding to recommend the purchase to the shareholders the board had the benefit of the advice of the company's own manager, Mr. Vesteral, and also of Mr. Dove, a well-known Ceylon planter, who was entirely independent.

A DESIRABLE AMALGAMATION.
Both these gentlemen, thoroughly inspected the estates, and satisfied the board that the amalgamation was desirable. Mr. Vesteral valued the new estates at £333,250. The valuation was made as at May 1st last, from which date they will be taken over (excepting Pandan, which will be taken over as at April 1st). The Pandan estate consists of 1,765 acres fully planted, and is at present owned by an English company with a capital of £85,000. The price to be paid for this property is £255,000 in Mount Austin shares. This property has been producing for some time, and the English company has already paid a small dividend. On the Pandan estate there are 139,373 trees of varying ages, from one to 12 years old. In regard to the planting of this estate, Mr. Dove says in his report:—"The rubber trees were all looking very fresh and healthy, and the whole estate has been planted up satisfactorily"; and in summing up his remarks he says:—"This property, I think, is a valuable one in course of time, and all going on satisfactorily, there being a good superintendant on the property." The Kangka, Plintong, and Orient estates belong to three separate Singapore companies named after the various properties. The Kangka estate has an area of 1,637, of which 1,777 acres are planted with 208,240 trees; the trees on 377 acres are nearly two years old, and those on 950 acres 14 years, on 400 acres nine months old, and on 50 acres eight months old. The purchase price payable for this property is £700,000, as to 245,000 in shares and £255,000 in cash. Mr. Vesteral's valuation amounts to £775,000. In his report on this property Mr. Dove says:—"This will be a valuable property." The Plintong estate has an area of 2,800 acres, of which 2,720 acres are planted with 305,040 trees of varying ages, from one year and eight months down to five months old. This estate was valued by Mr. Vesteral at £627,000, and it has been secured for £240,000, payable as to £30,000 in shares and £210,000 in cash. Mr. Dove is also very satisfied with the appearance of this estate. He says:—

"It will be a fine property if carefully supplied and kept clean." The Orient estate has an area of 2,500 acres, of which 2,420 acres are planted with 285,223 trees, varying from four years old to eight months, the bulk of which, however, has been recently planted. Mr. Vesteral has valued this property at £78,500, and the purchase price payable for it is £55,000, payable as to £40,000 in shares and £15,000 in cash. Some of the older trees on this estate have already been tapped. Mr. Dove considered this estate rather backward at the time of his visit, and was of opinion that it would require working up. As already explained, the estates are under excellent management and are well supplied with labour.

THE LABOUR FORCE.

Altogether the new property had, at the time of Mr. Dove's visit, a labour force amounting to 1,346 coolies; and including the Mount Austin labour force, the company will have a force of 1,876 coolies. These figures do not, of course, include contract labour. The present area of the Mount Austin estate, as you are aware, is 2,733 acres, and when represented by the present capital of £250,000, this works out at over £91 per acre, whereas for the new areas of 8,263 acres the purchase price, plus the amount of cash being provided under the scheme for their development, works out at under £50 per acre. When the new areas are all producing, therefore, the total cost to the company for the whole of the property, totalling 10,936 acres, including the capital being provided for their development, will be under £50 per acre, as compared with the £91 per acre of the old area. As the largest portion of the new areas is comparatively recently planted and will not appreciably increase the output for a year or two, the benefit to the shareholders will obviously not be an immediate one from the point of view of dividend. In fact, for a year or two the dividends will be slightly less than they otherwise would have been, and those of the shareholders who look only to large immediate returns on their capital may not appreciate the real importance of the scheme, which in the end will be a most profitable one. But the long run the reduced cost to the company per producing acre, as well as the economy attainable in working so large a planted area under one administration, will make apparent the great advantages of this scheme.

Although Mr. Dove did not make a valuation of the properties to be acquired, the directors are satisfied from his report and estimate of output, and his confirmation of Mr. Vesteral's opinion of their highly desirable character, that Mr. Vesteral's valuation may safely be accepted. I may say that Mr. Dove at first estimated for a somewhat higher output of rubber than that put forward by Mr. Vesteral, although the former subsequently revised his estimates, which brought them under those of Mr. Vesteral. We are, however, entirely satisfied to accept those of our manager. We have had some experience of his estimates in the past, and have proved them to be conservative. As a matter of fact, in regard to the current year, the output will, it is almost certain, exceed the estimates by about 15 per cent. The first step necessary to carry out the scheme is, of course, to provide the shares, and make up, with the cash in hand, the balance of the £500,000 cash purchase price, and to secure the provision of a further £150,000 for the complete development of the estates, according to Mr. Vesteral's forecast. This it is proposed to do by increasing the capital of the company from £250,000 to £450,000 by the creation of 200,000 shares of £1 each, to rank pari passu with the existing shares and to carry out the scheme in the month of December next, issue of £200,000 Six per Cent. Debenture stock.

I am pleased to say in regard to the latter that we have entered into a very satisfactory arrangement with the Agricultural Mortgage and Discount Bank (Limited), of Copenhagen, a Danish bank of high standing, to guarantee the subscription of the whole of this debenture stock for the small commission of 3 per cent. A resolution will presently be submitted to you for the purpose of confirming this arrangement, and I would like to point out to you that we have been able to arrange this without even giving, as the majority of rubber companies have done, any rights of conversion into shares or call upon capital. In regard to this debenture stock, I may say that arrangements have been made with the bank that the shareholders will have a preference should any of them wish to supply for any of the issue, and particulars will be sent to them in the course of a few days. I may say that we are also making it a condition in regard to the debenture stock that for a period of five years the interest in respect of such portion of it as is utilized for the development of the estate shall be capitalized, so that until the whole amalgamated area is entirely producing the profits or dividends will not be affected by the service of by far the larger portion of the debentures.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that in connection with this scheme two important additions to the board have been made: one is Baron Holm O'Donnell, President of the Société Générale in Paris, which is well known as one of the most important financial houses on the Continent; the other is Mr. H. N. Andersen, of Copenhagen, a Danish Counselor of State, and the founder and principal director of the East Asiatic Company (Limited), another of

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whose directors is already on the board. I am certain that the additions of these important names will add to the confidence of the shareholders in the company in which they are interested, and secure its administration on the soundest possible lines. I now formally move the first resolution on the notice, which I will ask Sir Ernest Birch to second formally, but before putting it I shall be pleased to answer any questions in regard to this scheme, which any shareholder may wish to put. Before sitting down I should like to mention that the clerical staff was made in the circular in the table showing the various ages of the trees and also the acreage. The totals were quite correct, and also the number of trees and correct, and also the acreage was incorrect, and the acreage, but the acreage was incorrectly apportioned. The net result is that the real position is better, and the following is the correct statement:—Aged 14 years and over, 40 acres, 7,840 trees; 11 years and over, 20 acres, 4,209; seven years and over, 8 acres, 1,412 trees; six to seven years, 12 acres, 2,556 trees; five to six years, 453 acres, 10,430 trees; four to five years, 1,696 acres, 317,303 trees; three to four years, 2,934 acres, 382,580 trees; one to two years, 5,113 acres, 554,913 trees; and under one year, 31,513 acres, 315,132 trees, making 10,620 acres, and adding 315 acres for roads, drains, felled, and unfelled lands, &c., the total is brought up to 10,936 acres and 1,426,921 trees.

Sir Ernest Birch seconded the resolution for increasing the capital, which was carried.

The other resolutions were also adopted and the proceedings terminated.

AMAH JUMPS OVERBOARD WITH A CHILD.

An Iloilo telegram appearing in a Manila paper says:—
The Warren, which has just arrived here from Mindanao en route to Manila, brings the sad news that the Japanese nurse and the child of Major Truby, of the medical corps, disappeared from the vessel sometime after leaving Mindanao. The ship was sixty miles out to sea before the nurse and child were missed. It is believed that the nurse became demented and jumped overboard, taking the child with her.

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TJILATJAP...	JAVA	First half of Nov.	SHANGHAI	First half of Nov.
TJILIWONG...	SHANGHAI	First half of Nov.	JAVA	First half of Nov.
TJIPANAS...	JAVA	First half of Nov.	JAVA	Second half of Nov.
TJIMANOEK...	JAVA	Second half of Nov.	JAPAN	Second half of Nov.
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ST. ALBANS ...	17th Nov.	Saturday, 11th Nov.
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ALDENHAM ...	15th Dec.	Saturday, 23rd Dec.
EMPEROR ...		Saturday, 6th Jan., 1912

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COLONIAL CONTRACTS.

Tendering for Government and municipal contracts in other parts of the Empire is by no means so easy a matter for British firms as it should be, says *Commercia Intelligence*. Complaints on this score are numerous, but they come from firms widely scattered throughout the country and engaged in different lines of industry. Consequently there has been no attempt at co-operation to deal with the matter, and individual effort apparently makes no impression upon those with whom the remedies lie. We are pleased to notice that the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, on the recommendation of several committees, has at length been moved to take action in the matter, although it would have been better to have secured the support of other Chambers instead of proceeding alone. Certainly there is nothing to prevent other Chambers from following suit and we hope that there are many who will do so.

The complaints which the Manchester Chamber has taken up do not include one which is of a fairly reasonable nature and one of no small consequence. Mr. Grigg, the Trade Commissioner in Canada, and Mr. Wickes, the Commissioner in Australia, have both repeatedly raised the question with local authorities, and often still it has been the subject of articles in these columns and of correspondence with the Dominion Governments, but beyond a polite reception of these representations nothing has followed. It seems, therefore, very necessary that further action in the matter should be supported by every body and individual concerned in putting it right. The trouble is that municipal councils and Government Departments will make no rule of awarding contracts by which British firms could measure their chance of successful competition. The usual practice of awarding a contract to the lowest tenderer is freely set at naught when it would mean that the contract would be placed outside the country and in this respect no distinction is made between British and foreign competition. If it were a question of choosing between a British firm and a foreign firm, with no local competition, the British firm might be given preference; but that is another matter. We think the rule of the lowest tenderer might be allowed to stand between all British firms, irrespective of the Dominions to which they belong, and if British contractors were to make that their claim, it should not seem too much for the Dominion authorities to concede, remembering that under their tariffs home contractors are able to compete on something better than equal terms with British firms. If ever a reciprocity agreement should be entered into between any of the self-governing Dominions and this country, the rule of equal treatment of competitors for Government contracts should find a place in it.

Meanwhile we are doubtful that so much would be conceded to the firms of the Mother Country by any of the Dominions, for the predominant attitude in the matter is everywhere at present strongly against it. Many people in Australia, for instance, demanding that Government contracts should not, in any circumstances, be given to overseas competitors if they can possibly be carried out at home, no matter at what price; and the Governments and municipal bodies are undoubtedly becoming more and more afraid of acting counter to that sentiment. Some rules, however, in regard to awarding Government contracts there should be, and acting together British firms could, if necessary, bring considerable pressure to bear upon the Governments and municipal bodies to make one, although we are far from suggesting any such course as likely to be necessary. Making a definite rule cannot conceivably be objected to by any local interests. There is such a rule in force in several European countries limiting the preference to home competitors to various percentages, and it is admitted that a great convenience to foreign competitors, for whom it was made, we believe, without any demand being required. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to expect a similar convenience from authorities to whom British firms are not altogether foreign, and if the demand for it is really considerable most Colonial authorities, we imagine, would do their best to meet it. A united application from this country is required to show effectively that the present indeterminate system of adjudicating contracts causes widespread dissatisfaction.

The complaints which the Manchester Chamber find to be justified are (1) "that information received by British Government Departments regarding contracts for manufactures and work required in the Colonies is circulated too late to be of practical value," and (2) "that Colonial authorities fix too early dates for the receipt of tenders, so that British firms are not aware that contracts are open until there is too little time in which to secure the necessary material upon which to tender, or to post tenders back even when estimates can be produced in a few hours." These facts are familiar from experience to most firms sufficiently enterprising to compete for Colonial Government contracts. Just last week we received a letter from a firm in Liverpool who had applied for a tender form in the usual way to the High Commissioner for South Africa, in respect of a contract for a large supply of galvanised sheet metal under "Foreign and Colonial Contracts Open." In the last issue of this journal, and who was informed in reply that the contract was being dealt with locally. This practice of confining facilities of tendering for Government orders, expressly for the purpose of restricting or excluding overseas competition, is practised far more extensively in South Africa than in any other Dominion, thanks to the powerful community of merchants in the Union, and any relaxation on the part of the Government for the convenience of firms in this country would incur their formidable wrath. But without appealing to the Government Departments in South Africa, much assistance, we believe, could be given to home firms by the Trade Commissioner and his staff of local correspondents which is not given at present. Not, perhaps, without extra expense for cableing, and that is what the Manchester Chamber will have to prevail upon the Board of Trade to allow. But since there is a staff in the country, purposely to help British traders in such matters, it seems more than a little foolish to restrict their usefulness for the sake of a small economy. Often, again, the Board of Trade by sending out its intelligence by telegram to the Chambers of Commerce and the newspapers or to individual firms, by arrangement, could give the extra time which firms would require to prepare their tenders.

In other Dominions, of course, the art of covertly excluding British competition is also practised, one notable instance being the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners in Canada, but really there has been no attempt to check it, and if the Board of Trade and its representatives chose to be aggressive in the matter, many contracts could be brought within reach of British firms which otherwise would not.

WEATHER REPORT

On the 31st at 12.10 p.m.—A depression is moving Eastwards in the neighbourhood of Vladivostok, and an area of lower pressure extends from S.W. China towards the Lower Yangtze Valley.

Pressure is highest over the S.W. Japan and the Loochoos.

Except over the latter district, the barometer has fallen slightly at all stations.

Light E. and S.E. winds may be expected over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

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Hong Kong & Neighbourhood ... Same as No. 1.

Formosa Channel ... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... Same as No. 1.

E. to S.E. winds, moderate or light; probably some rain.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

October 31st—AT A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Yokohama	7a.	29.82	39	93	E	0	0
Nagasaki	7a.	29.95	—	—	SE	1	1
Hakodate	7a.	29.91	—	—	NNW	1	1
Tokio	7a.	30.02	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	7a.	30.15	—	—	SW	1	1
Nagasaki	7a.	30.17	—	—	SE	1	1
Yokohama	7a.	30.19	—	—	SE	1	1
Osaka	7a.	30.16	—	—	SE	1	1
Naha	7a.	30.11	—	—	SE	1	1
Ishijima	7a.	30.07	—	—	E	2	2
Bonin Is.	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Chefoo	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Waihaiwai	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	7a.	30.11	67	79	—	0	0
Shanghai	7a.	30.10	70	75	—	0	0
Changhai	7a.	30.11	70	75	—	0	0
Amoy	7a.	30.09	71	80	NNE	1	1
Swatow	7a.	30.03	68	90	NE	2	2
Taihook	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Taihu	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Taiwan	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Koshan	7a.	30.05	—	—	NW	2	2
Pescadores	7a.	30.05	—	—	NE	2	2
Canton	7a.	30.07	78	78	E	2	2
Hongkong	7a.	30.07	78	78	E	2	2
Vic. Peak	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	7a.	30.06	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wuchow	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	7a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	7a.	30.01	79	—	—	5	5
Phu Lien	7a.	30.01	79	—	—	5	5
Tourane	7a.	30.01	79	—	WSW	3	3
C. St. James	7a.	30.01	79	—	E	1	1
Apurri	7a.	30.00	73	—	—	0	0
Manila	7a.	30.00	84	64	W	1	1
Laguani	7a.	29.98	79	—	NW	2	2
Boacod	7a.	29.99	82	—	NE	3	3
Hilo	7a.	29.99	82	—	NE	3	3
Cebu	7a.	29.92	84	—	N	1	1

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SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 4th Nov., 11 P.M.
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S.S. SPEZIA ... 2nd Dec.	FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:
S.S. SGOVIA ... 14th Dec.	S.S. ARCADIA ... 16th Nov.
S.S. SILEBIA ... 27th Dec.	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
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Hongkong, 30th October, 1911. [12]

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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Friday, 3rd Nov., Noon
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 4th Nov., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Sunday, 5th Nov., D'light
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"YUNSAUNG"	Friday, 10th Nov., Noon
MANILA	"YUNSAUNG"	Saturday, 11th Nov., 2 P.M.
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	"SEATTLE MARU"	6,182	WED'DAY, 29th Nov., at 11 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, SHIMIZU and YOKOHAMA	"PANAMA MARU"	6,059	TUESDAY, 14th Nov., at 11 A.M.

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	ATSUTA MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson	9,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Nov., at Daylight.
	HITACHI MARU Capt. T. Yamawaki	7,000	WED'DAY, 6th Dec., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. B. Kon	7,000	SATURDAY, 4th Nov., from Kobe
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU Capt. Iriawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 7th Nov., at Noon.
	INABA MARU Capt. S. Tomioka	7,000	TUESDAY, 5th Dec., at Noon.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	5,000	THURSDAY, 21st Nov., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	CEYLON MARU Capt. Tazawa	6,000	TUESDAY, 8th Nov., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Nov., at Noon.
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AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th.
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Mees	March 27th.
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

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TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th.
SANUKI	7,000	T. Iriawa	April 9th.
AWA	7,000	S. Tomioka	April 23rd.
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Colombo			MARSEILLES & LONDON		(Brindisi 2 days earlier)	(London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ASSAYE	7500	February 3	MANUVA	11000	March 2	March 8
HIMALAYA	7000	February 17	MACEDONIA	10500	March 16	March 22
DELHI	8000	March 2	MOREA	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA	8000	March 16	Through Steamer		April 13	April 19
DEVANHA	8000	March 30	MOLDAVIA	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA	8000	April 13	MALAJA	12500	May 11	May 17
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DELHI	8000	May 11	MALWA	11000	June 8	June 14

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	HONGKONG	LONDON
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NILE	February	22
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SUMATEA	April	3
NAMUR	April	17
PALAWAN	May	1
BORNEO	May	15
SYRIA	June	29
NORE	June	13
	26	27
		August
		10

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The attention of the public is drawn to page 10, para 20, of the Hongkong Postal Guide for 1911. Stamps intended for postage purposes may be perforated but not obliterated.

Until further Notice Parcels for the undermentioned places in China will not be accepted for transmission through the post:—
Hupeh, Szechuan, Kweichow and Hunan.

The *Princes Alice*, with the German Mail, left Singapore, on Sunday, the 29th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 2 p.m.

The Public are informed that the Christmas and New Year Parcel Mail to the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe by the long sea route via Gibraltar will be closed in this Office on Friday, the 10th of November, 1911, at 5 p.m. This Parcel Mail is due in London on or about the 16th of December. The subsequent Parcel Mail is not due to reach London before the 30th of December. Parcels may be forwarded via Brindisi with an extra fee of 60 cents.

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All insured parcels must be sealed, all the seals must be of the same kind of wax and must bear distinct impressions of a private device. The device on each seal must be the same. Regimental Buttons or Badges, Curved, Crossed or Dotted lines are not admissible. Coins must not be used for sealing.

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FOR	PRE	DATE
Holbow and Haiphong ...	Carl Diederichsen	Wednesday, 1st, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Takao and Amoy	Sosaku Maru	Wednesday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TOKIO, VICTORIA and TACOMA ...	Tacoma Maru	Wednesday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Moji	Akoku Maru	Wednesday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
Seigon	Vestfold	Wednesday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TATTOORIN ... (Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
Belavia, Cheribon, Samarang, and Sourabaya	Tylobas	Wednesday, 1st, Noon
Macao	Sui Tai	Wednesday, 1st, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Ningpo and Shanghai	Kwangse	Wednesday, 1st, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Sumatra	Thursday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
Brasils Bay	Sui Tai	Thursday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Kirin Maru	Thursday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Choyang	Thursday, 2nd, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 2nd, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Japan	Thursday, 2nd, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Arratoon	Thursday, 2nd, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chonan	Thursday, 2nd, 3.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Cheongshing	Friday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Friday, 3rd, 10.00 A.M.

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Shanghai ...

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

October 31st.

ON LONDON:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/10
Bank Bills, on demand 1/10
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1/10
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/10
Credit, at 4 months' sight 1/10
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight 1/10

ON PARIS:—
Bank Bills, on demand 231
Credit, at 4 months' sight 235

ON NEW YORK:—
Bank Bills, on demand 44
Credit, at 60 days' sight 45

ON CALCUTTA:—
Telegraphic Transfer 137
Bank, on demand 137

ON SHANGHAI:—
Bank, at sight 75
Private, 30 days' sight 76

ON YOKOHAMA:—
On demand 89
On demand—Pesos—89

ON SINGAPORE:—
On demand 110
On demand—On demand 110

ON HAIPHONG:—
On demand 110
On demand—On demand 110

ON SAIGON:—
On demand 110
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. HONGKONG, OCTOBER 31st, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$187 1/2, sellers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$10 1/2, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	all	\$1.70, sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$8 1/2, buyers
COTTON MILLS:—				
Ewo Cotton Spin'g. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 95
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	all	Tls. 51
Loan-Kung-Mow C. Spin'g. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 71
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 50
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$2 1/2
DOCK AND WHARF:—				
Hongkong & Wharfedale & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$50, sellers
Hongkong & Wharfedale & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$50, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$6 1/2	all	\$6, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 59 1/2
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 90
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$4 1/2, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$2 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$25
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$119
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	8,000	\$25	all	\$75
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	Pa. 10	all	\$10
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	50,000	\$25	all	\$15
Hongkong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$18, buyers
INSURANCE:—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$200
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$125, sales
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$105
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$360, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 161
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$845, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$225, @ Ex 75
LANDS AND BUILDINGS:—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$104, sales
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$7 1/2, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$50	all	\$30
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	75,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 103
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$47, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS:—				
Societe Francaise des Charbons de Tonkin	15,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$5, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$1 1/2
Philippines Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$1 1/2, buyers
RAFFINERIES:—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$125, sales
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$30, sales
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES:—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$11, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21 1/2
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	\$26 1/2, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$25	all	\$55, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	\$2 1/2, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$5
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$25	all	\$17
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$25
STORES AND DISPENSARIES:—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
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Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$24
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	all	\$5 1/2
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$15, buyers
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$12, buyers
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